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Art Unit: TO BE ASSIGNED) SYNTHESIS OF CAMPTOTHECIN
Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED) AND RELATED COMPOUNDS AND
Atty Dock No.: 92-233 CIP D2) SYNTHESIS THEREOF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth herein. The amendments find full support in the claims, specification or drawings as filed.